

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, November 15, 2012  
Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara  
Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, County of San Mateo  
Mayor Jack Gingles, City of Calistoga  
Mayor Mark Green, Union City, ABAG Immediate Past President  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda  
Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, County of Solano  
Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG President  
Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, City of Milpitas  
Councilmember Julie Pierce, Chair, City of Clayton, ABAG Vice President  
Supervisor David Rabbitt, County of Sonoma  
Councilmember A. Sepi Richardson, City of Brisbane

*Staff Present:*

Ezra Rapport – ABAG  
Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

- 1. INTRODUCTIONS:** L&GO Chair Councilmember Julie Pierce called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.
- 2 MINUTES:** September 20, 2012, minutes were approved.
- 3. ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The Committee reviewed its 2012 Legislative priorities, and a scorecard showing how Bay Area Legislators voted 80 to 90% in support of our bill positions during the last legislative session.

After lengthy discussion, the committee then recommended the following Legislative Priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session:

- 1. Lowering the 2/3 Supermajority Vote Threshold**  
The Committee agreed to recommend specific categories for the threshold reduction **for infrastructure taxes and bonds** to the Board at the January Board Meeting.
- 2. Focus on SB 375 Implementation**  
This focus would include pursuing such legislative objectives as: CEQA streamlining and housing element reform; seeking housing funding; and seeking permanent funding for COGs, MPO, and local governments to fulfill SB 375 obligations.

**4. 2013 LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION**

The Committee agreed to host a Legislative Roundtable Workshop and Reception in Sacramento in early February 2013. They directed Staff to confirm co-sponsoring this Workshop-Reception with CalCOG and follow-up with other site logistics for the workshop and for the Reception. In 2012 the Legislative Workshop was held at the CSAC Conference Center and the Reception was held at Ell Dining Room and Bar.

**5. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **January 17, 2013.**